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NINETEEN THIRTY-NINE CAMP

The choice of a site for the 1939 Camp was determined by the desire expressed at the Annual Meeting to have a location which should provide a sharp contrast to that of 1938. No one who attended the Columbia icefields Camp could fail to be inspired and thrilled by the magnificent sight of Mt. Athabaska and the glacier, and by the splendid opportunities for ice and snow climbing which the members enjoyed.

The 1939 Camp, which will be known as the Goodsirs Camp, will be situated at the head of the Ice river valley in British Columbia. The region abounds in fine rock climbing of every grade of difficulty, combined with sufficient opportunities for snow and ice work to satisfy every taste. This being the first time that the Club has held a Camp in this district, it will be entirely new to the vast majority of the members, although many are familiar with the forbidding towers of the Goodsirs, as seen from Lake Louise and Lake O'Hara peaks.

Members of the Committee of Management spent three days in making a careful reconnaissance of the Ice river valley and were greatly impressed with its possibilities. The valley is beautifully wooded and runs from north to south. From the bridge over the Kicking Horse river near Leancoil on the Canadian Pacific Railway a good motor road runs for twelve miles up the Beaverfoot river to a warden's cabin close to the Ice river. From here there is a good trail crossing a bridge to the true left bank of the river and thence following its course to the head of the valley.

The Ice river valley is unspoiled by forest fires. The foliage and undergrowth are such as are found only on the British Columbia side of the divide. Five miles from the bridge a second warden's cabin is reached, charmingly situated and providing an excellent luncheon ground. The trail then gradually climbs the hillside. The forest opens up, revealing wonderful views of the peaks at the head of the valley, which is reached after travelling a total distance of ten miles from the end of the road.

The site selected is within half a mile of the head of the valley, and is a perfectly level and compact wedge of open forest between the Ice river and a clear tributary stream called Martins creek. This parklike area shows a surprising variety of vegetation including spruce, pine and poplar of great size, and is practically free from undergrowth. Natural openings provide excellent sites for the campfire circle and the dining tent. Martins creek will furnish a plentiful supply of clear, cold water for all purposes.

The main Camp will be within half a mile of the head of the valley, which is closed in by a cirque of fine peaks. Above a tier of glacier-worn cliffs, which reveal the traces of an ancient ice-fall, the crevassed edge of the Vaux icefield is seen, with its group of

peaks, which will be reached from a high camp on the snowfield. Facing the Camp on the east is the huge mass of Mt. Chancellor. On the southwest, and in close proximity to the Camp, are the fantastic twin towers of the Goodsirs, a perfect paradise for rock climbers.

For off days and for those preferring less arduous pursuits, there are a number of interesting expeditions. The green slopes lead to meadows and hanging valleys, giving birth to waterfalls and possibly concealing little tarns. The region has all the charm of novelty and there is still room for minor exploration. An attractive two-day trip will be carried out to the head of Zinc gulch where there is a high pass giving magnificent views to the west. A night will be spent at the subsidiary camp which will be pitched at treeline, for those climbing the Goodsirs.

Another interesting expedition would be to the valley of Sodalite creek, where there may be found large quantities of a sapphire blue, crystalline mineral. Trout of good size abound in the pools of Ice river, and disciples of Izaak Walton should not overlook their fishing tackle when packing for Camp.

The following are the principal peaks which will be ascended from the Goodsirs Camp. In addition to these there are several unnamed and, in some cases, unclimbed peaks, including at least one major problem which it is hoped will be reserved as a special reward for the volunteer guides. The details are quoted from Palmer and Thorington's Guide to the Canadian Rockies.

Mt. Goodsir (South Tower) 11,686 ft. Eighth highest peak in the Canadian Rockies, ranking next to Assiniboine and Alberta. First ascent in 1903 by C. E. Fay, H. C. Parker, C. Haesler and C. Kaufman, from a camp at treeline in Zinc gulch.

Mt. Goodsir (North Tower) 11,565 ft. Eleventh highest peak, ranking next to Temple. First ascent in 1909 by A. Eggers, J. P. Forde, P. D. McTavish and E. Feuz, from a camp in Ice river valley.

The Goodsirs alone are sufficient justification for the choice of the Ice river as a site for the 1939 Camp. Both are magnificent rock massifs similar to Mts. Alberta and Geikie. Rarely climbed, they offer splendid opportunities for the establishment of new routes.

Mt. Chancellor 10,761 ft. First ascent 1901 by J. Outram, J. H. Scattergood, G. M. Weed, C. Haesler, from camp at treeline on the southwest slopes. The impressive bulk of Mt. Chancellor is a well-known feature of the view from the motor road near Leancoil, and will offer similar opportunities to the Goodsirs for the development of new routes.

Mt. Vaux 10,891 ft. First ascent 1901 by Fay, Outram, Scattergood, Haesler from Ottetail river. Mt. Vaux rises from crevassed snowfields and will probably be much climbed by graduating parties, starting from the high camp.

Mt. Ennis 10,267 ft. The most prominent feature of the landscape as seen from the campsite, being a symmetrical rock pyramid.

Hanbury Peak 10,277 ft. Hanbury, with Ennis and Vaux form a trio of peaks which dominate the Vaux icefield and will be climbed from the high camp.

Amongst the lesser peaks which may be climbed from the Main Camp are Garnet, Aquila and Butwell peaks. From the camp on Zinc gulch, Mt. Sharp (10,004), Helmet Mt. (10,927) and Zinc

Mt. (9810) are accessible. Mt. Allan (9810) and possibly other unnamed peaks may be reached from the high camp, while "Bennett" peak, an outlier of the Goodsirs apparently presents a first class problem for the rock experts.

With regard to transportation, buses will leave the Club House daily for the end of the road at Ice river. No private cars will be allowed on the road up the Beaverfoot, but parking space will be arranged at the bridge over the Kicking Horse river.

It is hoped that a trail trip will be arranged, immediately after Camp, to follow the route used by Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Moffat last year. It will also be possible to leave Camp via the Vaux icefield and down the valley of Hoodoo creek to the Kicking Horse.

Members planning to attend Camp will do well to read Sir James Outram's description of early climbs in the Ice river valley, in his book "In the Heart of the Canadian Rockies." Maps may be obtained from the Topographical Survey of Canada, Department of the Interior, Ottawa, for 25 cents, or linen backed for 50 cents. Order Sheet No. 82, N-S.E. Yoho Park.

The regular Camp circulars will be issued as early as is consistent with obtaining complete data. The probable dates of the 1939 Camp are July 15 to July 29.

—C.G.W.

Columbia Icefield Camp

July 16 to 30, 1938

The Thirty-third Annual Camp, held near the foot of the Athabaska glacier, opened new climbing possibilities for members and friends and provided an innovation in that motor transport brought them and their baggage direct to Camp, instead of the old pack-train and its attendant hikers.

The high camp equipment was again in great demand and this camp, pitched on the shoulder of Snow Dome at about 10,000 feet, provided some fifty people at different times with the novel experience of sleeping and catering for themselves on the snow-fields. From here climbs were made of Columbia, North and South Twins, Snow Dome; all first ascents for ladies; and the skiers who had stood the gibes when packing up to the high camp reaped a certain benefit on the way home from these climbs, though this was somewhat compensated for by their being first back to camp and so having to melt up snow and prepare meals. Great credit is due to the volunteers who took this equipment up and down the ice-falls and established the camp, and mention should not be omitted of "Spinach," Ralph Rink's mountaineering pack-horse, who packed several times over the glacier to the foot of the ice-fall where the back-packers took over.

First ascents were made by ladies of the following peaks: Athabaska, Columbia, Nigel, North Twin, Snow Dome, South Twin, Terrace and "A2;" while other first ascents were "D2," "K2," and "N2."

A fly camp was also placed at the foot of the Saskatchewan glacier to which several members went. Mt. Saskatchewan proved however to be too far from this camp and the first ascent, by ladies, of Terrace was made instead. Picnics and hikes through the meadows and over Tangle creek provided interesting outings for those less actively inclined and the photographers and artists reaped full benefit from their endeavors.

We were glad to have Edward Feuz and Christian Haesler with us again as guides, kindly loaned by the Canadian National Railways to whom our thanks are due not only for this but for other help in enabling us to hold "a most successful camp." To the guides, both professional and volunteer, the thanks of all members are due for their untiring efforts in carrying out a large climbing programme.

The camp fires as usual provided instruction and amusement with interesting contributions from members and guests. Mr. E. W. Mills gave a clear account of his recent trip to the North, with its history and the climbs made and the records found; and Mr. R. T. Zillmer told of his trip through part of Tweedsmuir Park to Bella Coola; and Mr. F. Wiessner of his successful ascent of Waddington. Readings were given by Mrs. C. P. Fuller, Prof. N. Goodrich, Mr. W. J. Sykes and Mr. Leo Tiefenthaller, while Mr. W. T. Read again organized his dramatic society.

The following passed the test for Active membership:

Mt. Athabaska:

July 18—W. Block-Hiller.

July 19—C. Cranmer.

July 21—Miss C. Bastow.

July 22—P. S. Davis.

July 23—Miss E. Richardson.

July 25—Miss M. Cole, Miss M. Wood, A. J. Snow, W. G. Rook.

"A3":

July 18—Miss D. Smith, Miss E. Knowlton, V. Fritz.

Mt. Columbia:

July 18—Miss C. Reid, Miss K. Chapman, Miss J. MacDonald.

July 20—J. Brett.

July 23—Mrs. Spofford, Miss M. Read, A. Carscallen.

"K2":

July 17—Miss E. Gullion, Miss K. Dunniway, P. Purves.

July 18—Miss B. Stonham, Miss E. Callan, H. Honens, M. Harding.

North Twin:

July 21—Miss D. Hartley, Dr. J. Conant, P. Johnson.

ANNUAL CAMP VISITORS

Visitors were drawn from:

CANADA

British Columbia—Britannia, Cranbrook, Monte Creek, New Westminster, Saanichton, Vancouver, Vernon, Victoria.

Alberta—Banff, Bellevue, Calgary, Edmonton, Jasper, Lethbridge, Penoka, Winterburn.

Saskatchewan—Regina, Saskatoon.

Ontario—Hamilton, Ottawa.

Quebec—Montreal.

Nova Scotia—Halifax.

GREAT BRITAIN

London, Oxford, Glasgow.

UNITED STATES

California—Berkeley, Ojai, San Francisco.

Colorado—Boulder, Denver.

Connecticut—Norwich.

D. C.—Washington.

Illinois—Evanston, Hollywood, Peoria, Wilmette.

Massachusetts—Boston, Cambridge, Springfield, Worcester.

Minnesota—Minneapolis.

New Hampshire—Hanover.

New Jersey—East Orange, Summit.

New York—Buffalo, Brooklyn, New York City.

Oregon—Eugene, Portland.

Ohio—Cleveland, Columbus.

Pennsylvania—Conshocken, Merion.

Wisconsin—Milwaukee.

Altogether one hundred and sixty (with crew) were placed under canvas, representatives attending from The Alpine Clubs of England, America, France, Switzerland, Mexico; The Ladies Alpine Club, The Ladies Scottish Climbing Club, The Royal Geographical Society, The Appalachian Mountain Club, B. C. Mountaineering Club, The Colorado Mountain Club, The Mazamas, The Mountaineers, The Sierra Club, The Obsidians, and The Yale Outing Club.

THE ANNUAL MEETING, 1938

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the Columbia Icefield Camp on Wednesday, July 27, 1938, at 7.00 p.m.

The President, Mr. A. S. Sibbald, in the chair.

It was moved by Mr. C. F. Keyes, seconded by Dr. H. E. Bulyea, that the minutes, as printed in the *Gazette* of October, 1937, be taken as read. Carried.

Business arising out of the minutes:

The President announced that the report of the Signal Committee came before the Executive at its first meeting and in accordance with its suggestion the committee was disbanded with hearty thanks for preparing the report.

Report of the Distress Signal Committee:

To the President and Executive of the

Alpine Club of Canada.

You will remember that at the Annual Meeting of the Club on July 28, 1937, on the recommendation of the Committee the so-called "International Distress Signal Code," viz: that in use in the European Alps, was adopted for use by the Alpine Club of Canada with a few minor changes as to the time interval between signal calls.

The Distress Signal adopted is a six-call signal per minute with approximately ten seconds between each call. The reply is a three-call signal with approximately ten seconds between each call instead of a three-call signal per minute, which would separate the calls by approximately thirty seconds—too long. So also for acknowledgement of reply by party in distress: a two-call signal with approximately ten seconds between, which if made per minute would separate the calls by approximately sixty seconds—far too long. So in each case a ten-second separation has been used and obviously is more practical.

Before making such changes the members of the Committee were consulted and were unanimous in approval. The text of the accompanying pocket card was then drawn up and sent to the Secretary, Major Tweedy, for printing. He informs me that he has had 2000 pocket cards printed and 500 cards for posting in huts, etc., as per samples herewith. Major Tweedy can inform you of the distribution he has made of the separate kinds of card. It is now a matter for the Executive to arrange with him for further distribution if considered necessary; it should be as wide as possible.

It will be remembered that in the Report submitted by the Signal Committee at the 1937 Annual General Meeting, it was stated that the American Alpine Club had adopted the three-call distress signal in use by the Boy Scouts and generally understood on the North American Continent to be a signal of Distress.

On the distribution of our pocket cards, one was returned by our member, Mr. Allyn K. Ford, of Minneapolis with the question, why we had not adopted the three-call signal adopted by the American Alpine Club. In reply I sent him an explanation of our reasons for adopting the six-call signal of the European Alps. He answered that he considered the reasons sufficient. This is the only challenge we have had so far. I now append hereto a copy of the reasons given to Mr. Ford, as they will explain the Distress Signal Code adopted by the Alpine Club of Canada.

In conclusion I may say that it appears to me that the Committee has completed its assignment and that it might now be dissolved.

Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR O. WHEELER,

Chairman.

Letter to Mr. Ford, giving reasons.

My dear Mr. Ford:

Major Tweedy has sent me your Distress Signal card with a red pencilled note: "Why cannot our Club co-operate on that universal code?"

As chairman of the Distress Signal Committee, I shall be very pleased to explain why we have adopted the European code, the more particularly that you are an old member of the Club (1908), very nearly as old a member as I am (1906), and one for whom I have always had an affection, although we see each other but seldom. "Them was days" (particularly the early mornings) and I miss you at the Camps and your jolly co-operation.

Now to explain:

The matter first came up for action at the 1936 Assiniboine Camp, I was then appointed Convener of a Committee to handle the matter. We investigated and decided to recommend the distress signal in use by European climbers in the Alps; there were three principal reasons:

(1) We are affiliated to The Alpine Club (England) and it is the signal in use by its climbers.

(2) The three-call signal is recognised throughout the North American Continent as a signal of distress with a two-call reply. This seemed to the Committee to be too indefinite and too restricted, when rescue parties become a very serious matter as in the mountains, to be of sufficient use for mountain climbers; moreover, we desired a code that would permit of signals conveying meanings of more significance and less likely to be confused with salutation calls between parties on separate peaks.

In 1937, while we still had the matter under consideration, the American Alpine Club jumped in and issued cards calling upon us to adopt the three-signal general distress code.

(3) Seeing that the leading European Clubs and climbers had adopted the six-signal code we considered that it had been done for a very good reason and, on consulting the Swiss Guides and others, it was recommended for approval, presuming that it was less likely to be misinterpreted and more sure of conveying the absolute need of a rescue party.

A fourth reason, though perhaps not a vital one, may be mentioned: that it is better suited to the actual requirements of our annual climbing camps where, when a lot of people are gathered and scattered abroad, there is less likelihood of uncertainty as to the meaning of a distress signal.

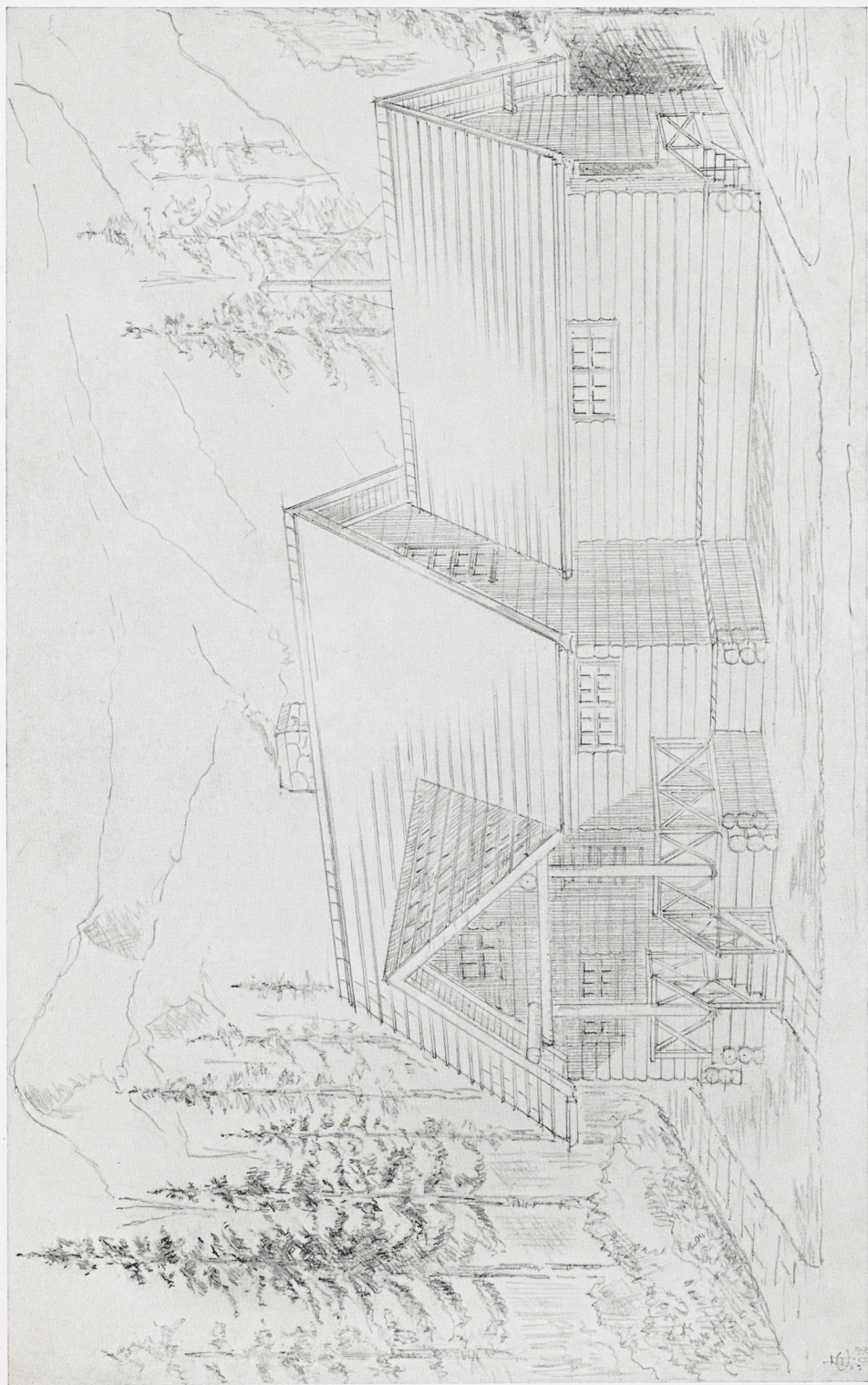
I may say, that the Committee were unanimous in recommending the six-signal call. The Committee consisted of Capt. Rex Gibson, A. A. McCoubrey, F. N. Waterman, H. J. W. France (in England, who climbs much in the Alps) and myself. I trust the foregoing will convince you that whatever your personal feeling may be about it, the code was not adopted without full consideration.

A. O. WHEELER.

It was moved by Mr. J. M. Forbes, seconded by Mr. C. F. Keyes that the meeting be adjourned for Mr. F. Weissner's address of his Mt. Waddington expedition, at the close of which the meeting re-opened at 8.00 p.m.

The Stanley Mitchell Hut:

Mr. A. S. Sibbald said: "Last year an offer was made to us by Miss Trenholme of Montreal, one of the older members of the Club, who gave \$1500.00 as an assistance towards the construction by the Club of a hut to be erected in the Yoho valley in recognition of the services of Mr. S. H. Mitchell, our previous Secretary-Treasurer, now retired, in recognition of his services to the Club and to mountaineering in this country. Subscriptions have been received in cash to the approximate value of \$2450.00 towards the building of the hut. I believe that there is some impression in some quarters that the hut is a ski-ing hut but this is not so, although it will be so built that it can be used for winter ski-ing. There has been a certain amount of difficulty and delay in obtaining from the Parks Department the space large enough. We want two acres but the Department will only grant us a space 100 feet square. The plan which will eventually be used for the hut will depend upon our ability to build up the fund which may be necessary. Size should be determined and the plans should be finally approved now. If any of you wish to subscribe to it at this camp an opportunity will be given you to do so at any time. Nothing definite can be done at the moment."



THE STANLEY MITCHELL HUT



THE MEMORIAL HUT



SKI TERRAIN—1939 SKI CAMP

President's Address—Mr. A. S. Sibbald:

"I am sure that you will agree with me that, if I make this speech extremely short, or perhaps do not give it at all, nothing in my term of office will have become me half so well as the leaving of it. I may express myself best in similar terms to those used for another purpose yesterday. May I say that the Management Committee and the Executives who have been associated with me have endeavored, and have been reasonably successful, to put on an interesting and varied programme, so far as the summer camps are concerned, at Assiniboine, Fryatt, Yoho and here at Sunwapta pass. We owe a debt of gratitude to those associated with the work of those camps. It is to be hoped that members have enjoyed the programme put on during those four years. It would not have been possible to carry out that programme in our present financial condition if you who are here, and the absent members as well, had not assisted us as you have done. On behalf of the Management Committee and on behalf of the Executive I thank you for your support both in attending the camps and in every other way."

Honorary President's Address—Mr. A. O. Wheeler:

To the Members of the Alpine Club of Canada.

Greeting—"It is a great regret to me and to Mrs. Wheeler that we have not been able to be present at this year's Camp. It is the first of a series of camps at important climbing centres made possible by the Lake Louise to Jasper Highway and is therefore of very special interest. Ahead lie a camp at Fortress lake pass, a camp at, or near, Bush pass and a camp in the Glacier lake valley near the Lyell glaciers, all of which are splendid climbing centres and embrace mountain peaks of outstanding interest, including Mts. Columbia, Bryce, Lyell and Forbes.

The present camp is of special interest, in that it has concentrated upon the great Columbia icefield, a vast area embracing, with its ramifications, more than 200 square miles of ice and snow. This area is the king-pin, the climax of the Main Range of the Canadian Rockies, and from such natural reservoir three of the largest rivers of Canada have their sources: (1) The Columbia river with a flow of over 1100 miles to the Pacific Ocean near Portland, Oregon. While not the initial source of the Columbia, Bush river, which flows directly from the icefield, is a principal source. (2) The North Saskatchewan, which has its source in the Saskatchewan glacier, an outlet of the icefield, flows over 1000 miles to Lake Winnipeg and thence by other channels to Hudson Bay. (3) The Athabaska river, which heads directly from the icefield by three separate sources, the Athabaska, Chaba and Sunwapta rivers, flowing respectively from the Columbia, Chaba and Athabaska glaciers, outlets of the icefield. They soon join and flow to Lake Athabaska and thence, mingled with the Slave and Mackenzie rivers, to the Arctic Ocean. You will thus see what an important centre this great icefield is and the vital interests that are dependent upon the outflow of these mighty rivers all the way, north, south, east and west, between their sources in the icefield and the respective oceans into which they empty.

I know this region and have travelled at least ten times between Lake Louise Station on the C.P.R. and Jasper, and have mapped the areas all around the icefield. I know the eccentricities of Tangle creek, the north approach to Wilcox pass summit and I have frequently camped at the south end to enable the cook of the party to bake a batch of bread. I estimated the distance between Jasper

and Lake Louise Station ("Laggan" as it was then called) at approximately 160 miles and the best time made with my survey parties was ten and a half days including the batch of bread. It was a thrilling trail full of unforeseen happenings. When the road is completed a speeding motor car can do it in little more than a half day. I shall learn with interest what has been accomplished by the stalwarts of the Camp and whether they have enjoyed the snow grinds and sunburn effects of the icefield as greatly as I have at various times.

These outposts of the earth, these beginnings of things, these workshops of the world are, on a fine day, magnificent and grand in their scenic splendors and their impressive majesty; but they can be cold and cruel and exact a deadly tribute from those who have the temerity to brave their fastnesses.

I desire to join with the members of the Club now gathered, in expressing to our member, Dr. Bulyea, our deepest sympathy with him in his great loss of a son through an avalanche in the Lake O'Hara valley last winter.

A similar cause near head of Miette river resulted in the death of the famous guide, "Curly" Phillips of Jasper, who frequently has catered for our camps. He will long be remembered by those who knew him as a super-man to whom the mountain wilderness was an open book.

We have also lost through death our Honorary Member, Mrs. J. W. Henshaw of Vancouver, for a number of years our Hon. Secretary. She had a most distinguished career. She was the first woman newspaper columnist in Vancouver, beginning when it was but a small town and continuing her newspaper work until her death. She greatly distinguished herself during the world war and among other decorations received the Croix de Guerre, with gold star, and the special thanks of France for her splendid Red Cross work under fire. She was one of the Club's delegates to the Allied Congress of Alpinism at Monaco in 1920, organized by the Club Alpin Français. For her Rocky Mountain talks and pictures given there she was awarded the Cross of the Order of St. Charles by H.S.H. the late Prince of Monaco, under whose patronage the Congress was held. She was the authoress of "Mountain Wild Flowers of Canada," a classic that has been highly commended as fascinatingly instructive and original in its treatment of the flora it describes.

We must regret the failure of the seventh Mt. Everest Expedition, due to natural climatic obstacles. The personnel of the Expedition and previous experience of its members precludes criticism of methods. We can only feel sorrow at the tremendous disappointment all the members of the party must have felt at failure through no fault of their own. Many among us have experienced a similar feeling in a much lesser degree over some minor objective and can fully sympathise with them. We wish for better luck next time.

Mrs. Wheeler joins me in hoping for a huge success at this Camp, and in regret at our enforced absence. In our minds we see the sun shining on the white city and the gaily colored flags flying; we hear the jolly crowds in the tea tent refreshing on return from the day's programmes; we see the firelight flicker on the laughing faces as merry jests and stories go round the camp-fire circle; and we join with hearty gusto as the Edmonton section leads in harmony of song.

In conclusion, I desire to convey to the retiring President my very deep appreciation of his faithful service to the Club during the four years of his Presidency. His happy smile and the iron hand beneath the velvet glove have kept us in the straight and narrow way, and I desire to say to him that I feel that his incumbency has been distinctly an asset to the Club. In welcoming the incoming President, I have only, at the moment, to say: "Go thou and do likewise."

Our best wishes to you all and may you enjoy many more such camps when, filled with the glamor of the Great Hills of Canada, you rest happily from city activities.

Yours most faithfully,

ARTHUR O. WHEELER,

Honorary President.

Honorary Secretary's Address—Mr. S. H. Mitchell:

To the President and Members of the

Alpine Club of Canada:

A bright and joyous Camp to you all! Situated amid such lovely surroundings as I believe you to be, there should be every chance for happiness that will linger in your memory for many a day. Perhaps it may be both the first and last Camp on this site, as in another year the completed road may make it unsafe for Democracy. "The silence that is in the starry sky, The sleep that is among the lonely hills" will be gone forever.

It has been said that the object of travel is to get lost; to throw off, if you can, the stultifying notion that you know where you are. The object is not to see new things, but how little we ordinarily see of the world.

Many here will be seeing the mountains for the first time, or at least seeing with understanding eyes, with the brightness and enterprise of youth. "What happens to the spirit of youth as the years roll along and the flaming torch flickers in the wind? Anything may happen unless that light-hearted spirit, that early zest, that indifference to obstacle and rebuff, are kept aglow. Youth passes, but youthfulness may endure."

To those to whom the mountains are old and loved friends comes the realization that great peaks are not the whole mountain world; that they can find even more varied beauty at lower levels.

There is a strange tendency to be assured that rock climbing is the only worthwhile form of mountaineering. It has its fascination, but to be expert on snow and ice takes more skill, a much harder and longer apprenticeship. Dr. Kugy, the famous mountaineer puts it well. "Cragmanship is a marvellous thing, but it can never be more than a certain dexterity. To my mind it should always be a means to an end. There remains something greater. For myself I shall never forget that far and away the best cragsman of my acquaintance was my pet ape, Benjamin."

I am glad to gather that Club membership is increasing. We need to spread its aims and methods far and wide; not merely amid our kinsfolk and acquaintance. John Stuart Mill, whose fame endures, said "the spirit of locality is the bane of improvement." Canada is a great country and the world is wide. Let us bring before the inhabitants as far as we can, and perhaps a little farther, the unnumbered enchantments of our mountain world. To them it is veiled, but "the land where the great mists lie, is the land where the great rivers spring."

The spirit of enthusiasm has been the inspiration of every crusade. Be enthusiastic! Go forth and conquer! The long road winds; sometimes it takes a backward bend but in the end it leads forward.

Then, when active days are passed, as pass they will, enthusiasm still lingers in the memories of many happy days, and many happy companions; memories which remain a joy forever.

Words fail me to tell how gratified I am by the kind action of Miss Trenholme and many others in giving my name to the hut so soon to be built in the Little Yoho valley. May it be a centre of much mountaineering happiness for our members for many years. "Beggar that I am, I am even poor in thanks."

Again I have to thank you for re-electing me as Hon. Secretary. As many know, my interest in the Club and its highest aims, has been constant from the beginning until today, and what I can do I will.

Yours truly,

S. H. MITCHELL,

Honorary Secretary.

It was moved by Mr. Henry Hall, seconded by Mr. F. N. Waterman that a message of thanks to the Honorary President and Honorary Secretary, coupled with regrets that they were unable to be present should be sent to them. Carried.

Letters of Regret:

Letters of regret that they were unable to be present at camp were received from the following: Sir Claud Schuster, President The Alpine Club, England; J. G. Rogers, President the American Alpine Club; Colonel and Mrs. E. O. Wheeler; Dr. J. Norman Collie; Mrs. Elizabeth Parker; Mrs. Mary Vaux Walcott; and Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Wheeler.

REPORTS:

(1) Honorary Treasurer—R. J. Cuthbertson:

To the President and Members of the
Alpine Club of Canada.

You will be pleased to note from the Auditor's Report, copy of which was submitted to the *June Gazette*, that our Club continues to meet its obligations and is also providing reasonable amounts each year to replace worn equipment and provide for repairs and improvements to our premises. This condition has been maintained by careful management of the Club's affairs, and by the loyal support of our members in Club activities and in meeting their annual dues.

Our Club House continues to be one of our most valuable assets and is appreciated to the fullest extent by our members and their friends. Club House Debentures outstanding for many years have been paid and the property is now clear of encumbrance.

Our reserve funds have increased to a satisfactory extent and are safely invested in government bonds from which a substantial amount is earned in interest.

With regard to the general Club activities, we are still handicapped by the omission of the Government grant, particularly in the carrying on of new exploratory work. We should, however, seriously consider undertaking some exploratory work of a worthwhile nature, particularly at this time when so many new regions

are being opened up as national playgrounds. The continued loyalty of our members and their staunch support of Club activities should assist greatly in attaining this objective.

Respectfully submitted,

R. J. CUTHBERTSON,

Honorary Treasurer.

(2) Honorary Auditor:

It was moved by Mr. R. Hind that as the Auditor's Report was printed in the *Gazette*, it be adopted and be not now read. Seconded by Mr. F. N. Waterman. Carried.

(3) Club House Committee:

To the President and Management Committee,
the Alpine Club of Canada.

Gentlemen:

I have pleasure in submitting herewith report of operations of the Club House at Banff for the season 1937.

The House Committee consists of Mr. R. B. Rushworth (Chairman), Mr. W. R. Reader, Mr. S. Vallance, Miss C. Nickell, and Mrs. B. D. Coe, all of Calgary.

The Club House opened to receive guests on June 26th, 1937.

The total number of members and guests registered during the season was 245. The registrations were good in the early part of the season and gave promise of an excellent year, but the cold and rainy weather during August ruined these expectations.

Classification of guests is as follows:

Alberta	52	Quebec	2	Scotland	6
British Columbia	33	Saskatchewan	18	Australia	3
Manitoba	14	U. S. A.	79	New Zealand	2
Ontario	25	England	10	China	1

The financial statement of the Club House operations is enclosed herewith.

In addition to the expenses incurred in running the Club House for the season was \$157.70 spent on furnishings and fittings, most of this being the cost of new Kenwood blankets, which were badly needed.

\$147.04 was spent on the Parking Space.

Mrs. Lyall acted as hostess for the season in her usual efficient and pleasing way.

R. B. RUSHWORTH,

Chairman, House Committee.

1938 Season:

The 1938 season will open on June 29th.

A new flag of the Alpine Colors has been purchased with the assistance of Major Longstaff of Victoria.

Lamp shades for the library and writing room were badly needed. Miss Kate Gardiner has kindly offered to supply these.

The settees in the Assembly room are the quintessence of uncomfortableness. The Committee has decided to remedy this this season. The cost of same will not exceed \$50.00

No change in the Club House rates have been made for the 1938 season.

An inventory of the contents of the Club House and Cabins will be taken this year.

Although the Club House did not officially open until the 29th of June, some 15 members of the General Motors Corporation staff will be guests over the week-end of June 25th.

R. B. RUSHWORTH,

Chairman, House Committee.

It was moved by Mr. C. F. Keyes, seconded by Mr. H. Vernon that the report be received and placed on file. Carried.

(4) Hut Committee:

To the President and Members of the
Alpine Club of Canada.

The following is a statement of the receipts from the Memorial, Elizabeth Parker and Fay Huts during the past year to June 30th, 1938:

Memorial Hut	\$ 6.00
Elizabeth Parker Hut (including donation of \$7.00 by Mr. F. J. Green for a lamp)	85.25
Fay Hut	2.00

(The previous year's receipts were—Memorial \$11.00, Elizabeth Parker \$66.05, and Fay nil.)

For the same period expenditures were made as follows:

Memorial—Rent 1 year and insurance 3 years	\$17.50
Elizabeth Parker—Rent 5 years and insurance 3 years	\$23.57
Axe and lock	5.70

Fay—Insurance 3 years	29.27
	17.50

Of the amount received from the Elizabeth Parker Hut, the sum of \$48.55 is still in my hands to meet expenditure recently incurred for a stove heater and accessories, gasoline lamp and sundries, and packing in.

The Committee has secured what I believe will be a very satisfactory heater, of the round long Lumberman type, 38 inches long inside and two shelves on top, on which cooking can be done in an emergency.

The cost of the gasoline lamp has been donated by Mr. F. J. Green of Calgary.

The Fay Hut was visited during the week-end of July 1st by Mr. Alex Calhoun, and a party, who report that everything was found in order except that the stove is somewhat dilapidated, and the mattresses are in poor condition. The question of whether a new stove should be secured is one on which the Committee would like to have the feeling of the members. On the one hand the Club has a large investment in the hut which merits keeping its furnishings in order, but on the other hand, it is so little used. So far as the mattresses are concerned, it is not recommended that anything should be done with regard to them at the present time. The blankets are in good order.

With regard to the proposed new Stanley Mitchell Hut, this is in charge of a special Committee and will be the subject of a special report.

Respectfully submitted,

SYDNEY R. VALLANCE,

Chairman, Hut Committee.

It was moved by Mr. N. L. Goodrich, seconded by Miss C. Hinman that the report be adopted. Carried. Mr. R. Hind mentioned that the stove in the Fay Hut is a disgrace.

Mr. A. S. Sibbald stated that the matter had been referred back to the Hut Committee.

Mr. C. G. Wates, "Would you suggest that the type of stove in the Memorial Hut is suitable?"

Mr. R. Hind, "Excellent, but difficult to pack in."

(5) Librarian:

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor of submitting the Annual Report of the Honorary Librarian for the past year.

Through the efforts of Mr. D. H. Laird, K.C., of Winnipeg, the library now receives the *Queen's Quarterly*, the *Dalhousie Review* and the *Canadian Historical Review* in exchange for the *Canadian Alpine Journal*. This exchange is of mutual benefit, the Club now receives three leading Canadian periodicals, and in turn, three leading Canadian universities are in receipt of the *Canadian Alpine Journal*.

The library has been listed with the Dominion Bureau of Statistics and will appear as one of the libraries in Canada in the D. B. S. biennial publication, *Libraries in Canada*.

A publication of great interest is the April issue of the *Ontario Library Review* which contains the first issue of the re-organized Canadian Index to Periodicals. It is gratifying to note that the *Canadian Alpine Journal* appears on the list of periodicals indexed. This publication will have a wide circulation, and the inclusion of the *Canadian Alpine Journal* on its list should result in favorable publicity throughout the continent.

During the winter a letter was received from Mrs. B. D. Coe, Secretary of the House Committee, asking for suggestions about shelving for the library. This matter becomes more urgent each year, and it is hoped that the committee may find a solution to the problem without delay.

Some 55 journals are received in exchange each year, comprising the largest collection of current alpine literature in Canada. Such material in an unbound state deteriorates rapidly, is difficult to handle, and in some cases diminishes in volume in a short time. It is recommended that a small sum be set aside each year for the binding of the leading sets.

Looking back over the history of the Club, one realizes that comparatively few books have been written about the Canadian Rockies. As a result, members and visitors rely to a considerable extent on our Journal for information about climbing and exploration. This brings one to the point, that the best service the Club could render to encourage literature of this sort, would be to issue an index to our records in the form of a cumulated index to the *Canadian Alpine Journal*.

Major Tweedy has already accomplished a valuable task in compiling such an index which is now in the Club library in manuscript form. Were this brought up to date and printed in one volume, one could not estimate the benefits which would accrue. This is an ambitious undertaking which could only be accomplished with the aid of a substantial donation and through the support of members who would agree to purchase copies. It is a matter which merits discussion at an annual meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
EDNA GREER,
Honorary Librarian.

Mr. F. N. Waterman asked if there was any estimate as to the cost of shelving the books.

Major W. R. Tweedy said there were no figures available. Mr. A. S. Sibbald said "The matter of publication of the index to the Journal was discussed by the Executive and they were of the opinion at that time and under the conditions which still prevail, that the index is a matter which every member or other interested person could obtain information on by writing the Secretary-Treasurer in whose possession it is. The expense of putting a copy in every member's hands is too great. The original index is in the possession of Major W. R. Tweedy, and is found to be of great use to members at all times."

It was moved by Dr. H. E. Bulyea, seconded by Mr. A. Kramer that the report be adopted. Carried.

(6) Honorary Photographic Secretary—Mrs. Don. Munday:

The President, the Alpine Club of Canada:

This year's site of the Club's camp ought to result in photographs of outstanding interest for next year's Photographic Competition, and surely the increasing use of cameras ought to bring increased entries by an increased number of competitors.

It will be noted that a change in the rules this year limits the number of entries by any one competitor in one class to six. The reason for this was that entries seemed definitely discouraged when an overwhelming number of photographs were entered by one person. It is to be hoped the judges will also uphold the rule as to the size of photographs. At times in the past the judges have sometimes varied the rules, rather overlooking a measure of unfairness thus introduced against competitors observing the rules. Very large photographs tend to dwarf unduly the smaller ones. Colored photographs have always been barred, although on one occasion judges made a special award to a photograph which on comparison with an uncolored copy which came into the Photographic Secretary's hands it was evident the colored copy was practically a painting.

Unfortunately I have not been able to attend Camp to give the Photographic Competition the supervision which is desirable.

One of the objects of limiting entries to Canadian mountain scenes has been to build up for the Club a collection of our own mountain scenery. Other parts of the world naturally look to our Club for Photographs of Canadian mountain scenery.

While competitors have been asked to attach hangers so pictures might be hung without marring the mounts with clips, it has been most disappointing to find that those doing the hanging have continued to damage the mounts.

Members have not drawn on the Club collection of slides to any extent this year. Though I have not had any direct notification, I understand that the Edmonton section has had a request from the University of Alberta for the Club to assemble about 100 of the best pictures of the Canadian Rockies to make a set of slides for the Extension Department; in return, the Club would receive a set of slides free. It is hoped that members skilled in coloring slides will offer to color the set. In this connection, Don Munday has offered to color some of the slides.

Mr. D. J. M. McGeary, Boston, has kindly offered the Club his fine collection of about 200 slides, but up to the present the question of customs duty has not been disposed of; I hope my successor in office will be able to add these slides to the Club collection.

The Vancouver section held a creditable exhibition of photographs at their last annual dinner.

Although all prize winners in last year's Competition were asked to name the back issue of the *Canadian Alpine Journal* they wished as prizes, none has done so—including myself.

No response of any kind has come from the sections in reply to the request for donations of slides.

The Club's thanks are due to Mr. C. G. Wates for the beautiful shield presented for section competition. The first winners, Vancouver section, proudly displayed it at their monthly meetings.

Most sections have enjoyed showings of movies made by members of the Club, and it will be noted that photography figures largely in Section programmes. Members of the Club have given many public and private lectures which make the work of the Club better known.

In relinquishing the Photographic Secretaryship I wish to thank the Club for the privilege of working on its behalf, and wish to assure my successor of my readiness to place my experience at his disposal.

Respectfully submitted,

PHYLLIS B. MUNDAY,

Hon. Photographic Secretary.

Judges' Report:

The Photographic Competition of 1938 elicited 13 entrants in 6 classes and two entries in the Section Class.

There were 14 entries in the Challenge Cup Class by 7 contestants and a number of others were entered by several contestants in both the Challenge Cup and D Classes. Nearly as many were entered in Classes A and D.

The entries were of a high order of merit for the most part and the Judges feel that the Club and the Photographic Secretary are to be congratulated on the advance in average merit shown.

The Challenge Cup award and Honorable Mention both went to Dr. A. T. Wiebrecht. In Class A, first place went to Mr. John W. Murray with Honorable Mention to Mrs. Don Munday. In Class B, first place went to Mr. John W. Murray and Honorable Mention to Dr. A. T. Wiebrecht. The Class C awards were captured by the Munday family, Mrs. Munday taking first place and Mr. Munday Honorable Mention. The novice class awards went to Miss F. Duvoll and Mr. S. R. Vallance; while first place in Class E was taken by Mrs. Margaret Spouse and Honorable Mention by Dr. A. T. Wiebrecht.

In the section competition the entries were considered of nearly equal merit. First place was awarded to the Vancouver section with Honorable Mention to the Vancouver Island section.

Respectfully submitted,

CAROLINE HINMAN,

G. MORRIS TAYLOR,

F. N. WATERMAN.

Mr. F. N. Waterman said: Having frequently been one of those appointed to judge the competition, I should like to comment on Mrs. Munday's report.

"As to the hanging of prints the judges have done as well as possible in view of the limitations of space and facilities.

Committees of which I have been a member, have adhered strictly to the rules. Prints larger than permitted have not been judged. They have merely been exhibited. Colored prints have in the past been recognized and judged. The Committee of which I was a member merely followed precedent, in the absence of a specific rule. Colored prints of flowers do not seem inappropriate. The precedent for their admission was set many years ago by others.

I think Mrs. Munday's comments are based upon misapprehension and lack of appreciation of conditions."

Mr. Sibbald: "It is hard for her to tell what is happening when she isn't present."

It was moved by Mr. J. J. Thornton, seconded by Mrs. F. Maurice that the reports be adopted and thanks be expressed by the Club to the Honorary Photographic Secretary and to the Judges.

(7) Scrutineers:

We beg to report as follows:

All candidates have been duly elected as named on the official ballot, and received the number of votes set opposite their respective names.

Cyril G. Wates as President.....	117
W. J. Sykes as Vice-President (Eastern).....	123
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S. H. Mitchell as Honorary Secretary.....	125
R. J. Cuthbertson as Honorary Treasurer.....	125
Miss E. Greer as Honorary Librarian.....	125
Dr. H. E. Bulyea as Hon. Photographic Secy....	122

The following votes were recorded for the Award of Honorary Membership to Mrs. W. A. D. Munday:

For—125

MARGEURITE C. SCHNELLBACHER,
POLLY PRESCOTT,
W. McD. FREDERICK.

It was moved by Mr. H. E. Sampson, seconded by Miss M. P. Hendrie that the report be adopted. Carried.

Election of Honorary Officers:

Honorary President—At present and for a number of years back the Honorary President has been Mr. A. O. Wheeler. Mr. H. E. Sampson nominated for the position of Honorary President our former director and founder of the Club, Mr. A. O. Wheeler, who was unanimously elected.

Honorary Vice-Presidents—Mr. H. E. Sampson nominated Sir Edward Beatty and Professor A. P. Coleman, who were duly elected.

Honorary Auditor—Mr. H. E. Sampson nominated Mr. W. T. Read and he was elected.

Mr. A. S. Sibbald—"Now, ladies and gentlemen, it is the custom of the Club for the newly elected President of the Club to take the chair. I may say that what you have done in electing him to the presidency of the Club is a recognition of his many years of fine service to the Club and to mountaineering; the older members of the Club will thoroughly appreciate the truth of what I say. In the opinion of those who have been members of the Club for many years, may I say that not only have his services been of

great importance to the Club but that Mr. Wates, some years ago, was the leading figure in opening up, for mountaineering purposes, the Tonquin valley district; his name will always be associated with that district. He led in the exploration trip of Mt. Geikie and participated in the first ascent. He has also been connected with the Photographic work of the Club for many years and for these and other reasons, well merits the Presidency.

New President—Mr. C. G. Wates, in taking the chair said:

In making this, my maiden speech as President of the Alpine Club of Canada, I should be guilty of unpardonable ingratitude if I failed to pay tribute to the retiring President for all that he has done for the welfare of the Club. Mr. Sibbald took over the leadership at a very critical time. The depression had seriously depleted our membership roll; from the same cause, our finances were at a low ebb, and there were pessimists who believed that it would be impossible for the Club to carry on all its activities.

Fortunately, Mr. Sibbald had a sound foundation upon which to build—that of his own work as Honorary Treasurer. We all know the outcome. Today, he can unrope, content in the knowledge that the Club, strengthened as the result of his wise leadership, will go forward and upward to new heights and greater achievements.

For this we thank him, but it is not alone as a great leader that Mr. Sibbald has placed the Club deeply in his debt. I venture to predict that in years to come the retiring President will be remembered as much for his personal characteristics as for his ability as an executive. Not long ago I heard one of our old Members describe the genial Club House Hostess in these words: "She makes you feel that she is the mother of a big family and that *you* are her favorite child." Mr. Sibbald has this same knack of introducing the personal element into his relationships with the rank and file of the Club. In relinquishing the post of President, he carries with him the friendship and affection of every one of us.

So now I must thank you for having awarded me the highest honor in the gifts of the Club. At the risk of being accused of Heresy, I will say the highest honor in the gift of any Alpine Club in the world, even the Mother Club in England; for ours is a young Club, still imbued with the spirit of youth, and there remains a great field for exploration, not alone in our beloved mountains but also in the organization of the Club itself. There is no room in the presiding officer's chair for a mere figurehead, and no man has the right to occupy that chair upon any such assumption.

You are justified in expecting from the incoming President an outline of his policies. Each one of us dreams dreams and sees visions. The peaks we climb in our reveries are nobler than any we can hope to ascend in real life, but it is our visionary mountains which govern our actual accomplishments. I shall try, therefore, to state briefly some of the plans which I hope to submit to the Executive and, with the help and approval of the Management Committee, to carry out during my term of office.

First, as to finance, I wish to express my gratification that Mr. Cuthbertson has consented to serve for another term as Honorary Treasurer. I lay no claim to special qualifications along financial lines, but with his help and that of our efficient Secretary-Treasurer, Major Tweedy, I have no fear that we shall not retain the sound standing which we have reached under Mr. Sibbald's guidance.

Next comes the matter of the Annual Camps. I hold to the ideal, although I know how difficult it is of realization, that the Camps should be pitched close to treeline, and near enough to the peaks so that no subsidiary camps are necessary. Only in this way do we attain to the goodfellowship which is found around the evening campfire, where *all* may gather after the day's climbing is done.

Furthermore, I believe that an attempt should be made to alternate between regions where snow and ice predominate, and areas where the rock climber is in his element. If, as seems possible, the 1939 Camp is held at Glacier lake, I shall advocate a site for the following year which will afford first class rock work. We know of more than one region where really first-class rock climbing abounds, and we shall obtain data with regard to these during the coming year. Neither must we forget the claims of the Coast range, and I wish to assure my friends from Vancouver and the Island that any representation they desire to submit along these lines will receive sympathetic consideration.

With regard to the winter ski camps, I am strongly in favor of making these an annual feature of the Club's activities, and I shall co-operate with the Ski Committee to that end. Only by sound training such as our Camps afford can ski-mountaineering be made safe as well as enjoyable.

Before leaving the subject of climbing, I should like to draw your attention to the numerous lesser groups of peaks which will repay investigation, not alone in the Rockies, but in other Canadian ranges. It would be a splendid thing if at least one expedition each year, under Club auspices, could be sent to explore some little-known district. I have reason to believe that our Honorary Treasurer would not be averse to loosening the purse strings for this purpose. All of you have seen, on your way into Camp, the perpetual challenge of Mt. Brussels. This is a sample of what may be found as the result of more intensive investigation. It would be most regrettable if, for lack of Club support, our own members see the plums falling to others.

I wish to say a few words with regard to the Sections. I do not picture the Club as a mountain surrounded by a cluster of lesser peaks, which are the sections; rather I picture the Club as a mountain of which the sections form the supporting blocks, the members-at-large the all-important cement which fills the interstices and, shall I say, the summit cairn is that grand Old Man of the Mountains, Mr. A. O. Wheeler? The strength of the Club is exactly proportional to the strength of the sections. Anything we can do to encourage Section growth and section co-operation will pay big dividends in Club spirit and Club progress.

I should not like you to think that I favor any hard-and-fast pattern to which the sections must conform. On the contrary, only by allowing each section to hoe its own row (as long as that row falls within the boundaries of the Club constitution) can healthy growth result. I should like to suggest, however, that the sections make use of the President as a liaison officer, through whom ideas can be exchanged and problems discussed, to the benefit of all concerned. This is a work which we can hardly expect our busy Secretary-Treasurer to undertake, and which lies well within the province of the President's duties, as I see them.

Further with regard to the Camps, I wish to place myself on record as favoring careful reconsideration of the registration charge and the possible substitution of Camp fees which shall be sufficient

to cover expenses and insure against any danger of a deficit. I am firmly of the opinion that slightly higher charges would not have the result of reducing attendance, and would help to improve our financial position. Let us hope, also, that the day is not far distant when the annual Membership fees can be scaled down to a point where economy will not be a motive in so many resignations as at the present time.

One possible source of strength to the Club remains, so far as I know, untapped. I refer to the ever growing army of ex-members, many of whom have not lost their interest in the mountains but who, for this reason or that, have dropped their membership. It was just such a has-been who was responsible for my own initial venture in mountaineering, and there must be many others who have had similar experiences. Surely some way can be found by which the Club can keep in touch with these men and women who climbed with us in days gone by. Could we not have a group of Alpine Old Timers who, for a nominal fee, would receive the Gazette and join with us at our Annual Banquets and other gatherings? If there has been any tendency to regard the payment of membership fees as the sole criterion of a good mountaineer, we might be wise to modify this attitude. We cannot carry on the Club without funds, but still less can we carry on without mountain-lovers.

These are some of my hopes and ambitions, but the President can only propose. It is the Committee of Management, the Executive Board, the sections and, in the final analysis, the individual members who dispose. I have ventured to speak at some length because what I say will reach all our Members through the medium of the Gazette. I appeal to you for criticism, adverse or favorable; for suggestions, constructive or destructive; for *anything* except indifference. Only in this way can we know what the Members desire. I do not rejoice in a private secretary; in fact, I have not even a secretary in whom I do not rejoice, but I make up for the omission by having two typewriters. I have never got beyond the "hunt-and-peck" system, but I shall do my utmost to see that all letters have prompt replies.

Thank you once more on my own behalf, and on behalf of the other incoming officers, for the trust you have placed in us. If we fail in our duties, it will not be for lack of trying.

Badge Awards:

Badges were awarded to the following: Mrs. F. G. Maurice, Mr. R. P. Cross, Mr. T. Fyles, Mr. C. A. Gryte and Mr. G. Morris Taylor.

Silver Rope:

The Silver Rope was awarded to Dr. A. D. MacPherson and Mr. T. Fyles.

Applications for Membership:

The following applications were approved:

- (1) Active: W. Block-Hiller, Miss E. Callan, A. Carscallen, Miss K. Chapman, Miss M. Cole, Dr. J. B. Conant, P. S. Davis, Miss K. Duniway, V. R. Fritz, Miss M. E. Gullion, Miss D. Hartley, C. M. Harding, Miss E. Knowlton, Miss J. McDonald, P. M. Purvis, Miss C. Reid, W. G. Rook, Dr. A. J. Snow, W. R. Spoffard, Miss J. Trotter, D. Williams, Miss M. B. Wood.

- (2) Graduating: H. F. Bailey, Miss R. Harris, A. A. Hesselton, F. Karger, Miss M. D. Meyr, Mrs. Lorin Tiefenthaler, G. B. Wilson.
- (3) Subscribing: Mrs. J. Clark, Miss M. L. Frank, Miss E. S. Gibson, Miss V. Gignac.

1939 Campsite:

Mr. C. G. Wates: "This matter was discussed at considerable length at the recent Executive meeting and a number of sites were suggested. Among them, Glacier lake and the Ice River valley, also a possible site in the Bugaboos. The matter is open for discussion with regard to these sites and anything you wish to add."

After reports from Mr. R. Hind, regarding Glacier lake; Mr. F. N. Waterman, Mr. C. F. Keyes and Miss C. Hinman about the Ice River valley; and Miss Schnellbacher on the Bugaboos, it was moved by Mr. H. E. Sampson, seconded by Mr. H. Vernon that the matter of the 1939 Camp be referred to the Management Committee with power to act. Carried.

Mr. H. Hall said: "Before the subject is dropped, I would like to mention the Coast range. Some time in the future, I would suggest that possibly a small group of the Club members be appointed a committee and pack up equipment into the Coast range. The valleys are very deep and the climbs would be long. I suggest the Bella Coola valley. We went up the creek on a good trail at the head of the valley and there are six or eight rock peaks. The local people, trappers and men who have lived all their lives there, would be happy to assist and if an approach were made by this Club, co-operation could be got at very little cost. I would suggest that at some time in the future a small party of members be sent in and undoubtedly the Mundays would be willing to co-operate."

Mr. C. G. Wates: "The news that we have just received is an answer to two questions that have been in my mind for some time. I hoped for a suggestion for the Coast range and also perhaps a suggestion for an exploratory trip in the very near future."

There was no action taken.

Mr. C. G. Wates: "The problems of the Management Committee and the officers in establishing and handling the camp are many. We have many helpers and to all of them we owe a great debt of thanks. I now call upon certain of our members for Votes of Thanks."

Votes of Thanks:

1 Parks Department and Mr. A. C. Wright:

Mr. J. M. Forbes moved that a vote of thanks to the Parks Department and to Mr. A. C. Wright be given for their help and courtesy in making this camp possible. Seconded by Miss M. P. Hendrie.

2 Canadian National Railways—Mr. A. W. Kramer:

"I wish to propose a vote of thanks to the Canadian National Railways for their valuable assistance in the transport of equipment from Calgary to Jasper, for offering baggage room facilities, a cash award of \$200.00, for the publicity and for obtaining the services of the Swiss Guides at this camp." Seconded by Mrs. C. Fuller.

3 Club House and Mrs. Lyall—Mrs. F. G. Maurice:

"We are all very fortunate in having the Club House at Banff where you feel completely at home. It is a beautiful and delightful place to stay. You are always given a warm welcome and the personal interest established in new members is very comforting. I take great pleasure in moving a vote of thanks to the Club House Committee and to Mrs. Lyall."

4 Swiss Guides—Miss N. Fraser:

"As I have just had my first experience of climbing with a Swiss Guide today, I would like to move a vote of thanks to the Swiss Guides, Christian Haesler and Edward Feuz for their work in guiding parties both from the main camp and the upper camp, especially the upper camp." Seconded by Mr. J. J. Thornton.

5 Volunteer Guides—Dr. H. Zillmer.

"I wish to propose a vote of thanks to the many volunteer guides who wish to do more interesting work but who kindly drag us along." Seconded by Mr. W. G. Rook.

6 Ladies Committee—Mr. H. E. Sampson:

"Mr. President, may I digress for one moment. There have been times when I have been known to disagree with the past president but on this occasion I am obliged to agree with the remarks he made earlier in handing over the reins of office to you and I think there are members here who know you well and the splendid work that you have done for this Club. We know that the interests of the Club will be well looked after and be satisfactory to us, and we hope, to yourself also.

May I be permitted to say this also. For a number of years I have been coming to the Camp and returning with an increasing number of peaks I have not climbed. It has been said that the only reason for which I come to camp is to see the ladies. Well, being a married man, I maintain patience and I shall justify that implication; although I don't deny that I do come to see the ladies. One thing the Ladies' Section do which I saw myself the other day, one lady darning a flock of socks over on the other side. That is one work, and another is repairing a garment, known familiarly to both sexes as pants. The most important thing, however, that the ladies do is the lunches which are devoured by the climbers. Now this is merely done by the kindness of the ladies who are still very welcome from year to year. I move, therefore, a very hearty vote of thanks to the ladies here assembled." Seconded by Mr. W. A. McAulay.

7 Editor of the Journal (Mr. A. A. McCoubrey)—

Mr. H. Vernon:

"Everyone of us receives every year a wonderful Journal which recounts splendid climbs with beautiful illustrations and in it also are quantities of scientific data of great value and beautiful eulogies of some of our members who have passed away. There is a great deal of brains and industry and self sacrifice behind it. Mr. McCoubrey is not only a good editor but a first class member of the Club, and I count it a very valuable privilege to move a vote of thanks to Mr. McCoubrey. Seconded by Miss B. A. Fry.

Messrs. Henry Hall, Jr. and F. N. Waterman spoke appreciatively of Mr. McCoubrey's work on the Journal and both expressed the wish that members of the Club voice their appreciation by writing Mr. McCoubrey.

Mr. C. G. Wates: "I most heartily endorse what the last two speakers have said. In the last ten years I have written him quite a lot and I know that correspondence of that type is to him more than business. The personal element of friendship which he puts into his letters makes him a very worthwhile correspondent."

8 Ralph Rink and Staff—Mr. F. N. Waterman:

"While we come to the mountains for rest, recreation and inspiration to fit us for the labors of the ensuing year, the fundamental necessities, without which these benefits would be unattainable, are food and shelter. For the efficient and satisfactory manner in which these needs have been supplied we are indebted to Ralph Rink and his capable staff. I take pleasure in proposing a hearty vote of thanks to him and to all of those who, in the construction of the camp, in the kitchen and in the dining tent have so satisfactorily and cheerfully cared for us in these respects." Seconded by Miss N. MacKay.

9 Honorary Auditor—Mr. C. F. Keyes:

"I think that many of us do not appreciate what a splendid worker we have in Mr. Read as Honorary Auditor of the Club. I have kept in touch with the financial side of the Club's work for some time as a member of the Executive. Walter Read was induced to become the Honorary Auditor to check on the book-keeping and at his suggestion to audit the accounts of the Secretary-Treasurer and I can say that there Mr. Read has done a most admirable job faithfully and his many suggestions to the Executive for simplifying the book-keeping and the checking of the records are most instructive and I want to move a very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Read for his work which has required so much time." Seconded by Mr. A. S. Sibbald.

Mr. C. G. Wates: "No mover has been assigned to move a vote of thanks to the retiring officers and I suppose you will vie with each other to see who will move it."

A hearty vote of thanks was moved by Miss C. Hinman, seconded by Mr. F. N. Waterman.

Mr. C. G. Wates: "There is a motion to be made and I will call upon Mr. Keyes to make it."

Mr. C. F. Keyes: "We were all very much startled and shocked last spring to learn of the sudden death in a ski-ing accident of the son of one of our very valued members, Dr. and Mrs. Bulyea. These things happen of course in the mountains; the mountains can be terrible instruments at times. We cannot always know when accidents are going to take place; that is one of the things with which we do have to contend. I did not know John Bulyea personally but he was a member of the Edmonton section; a fine young man of about 20, I understand, and a medical student at the University. He had many friends and was intending to come to this camp and be one of us here. I move that we extend, as a Club, our deepest and sincerest sympathy to Dr. and Mrs. Bulyea in the loss of this fine young man.

A similar loss came to Mr. and Mrs. Christian Haesler whom many of you members know. Last fall their son William met with a fatal accident; he was a young man, younger than John Bulyea; I wish to offer, on behalf of the Club, our condolences for their very great loss." Seconded by Mr. F. N. Waterman.

Dr. H. E. Bulyea: "On behalf of my wife and myself I wish to express my sincere thanks for the kind expression of sympathy you have just given us, and I want you to know how much it means to us under the circumstances. I want you to know how much it means to us that so many of you have written us and have given us by word of mouth your sympathy because of the loss of our dear son. I am not expressing myself as I would like to do under these circumstances, but if I wrote you a letter I would be able to express in suitable words my deep feeling of gratitude towards you because of your expression of sympathy."

Mr. H. Vernon: "Curly Phillips also died this spring. I suggest that we send an expression of our sympathy to Mrs. Phillips. Curly was the first who almost made the successful or barely successful expedition up Mr. Robson and has been a friend and known to most of you for a good many years. I was personally interested in Don Phillips and for everybody else who knew him, I move that we extend our sympathy to Mrs. Phillips." Seconded by Mr. F. N. Waterman.

Mr. Waterman, endorsing most heartily the expressions of Mr. H. Vernon, said: "Regarding Curly, I have known him for a good many years in these mountains. He was a real man, a splendid fellow, enterprising, energetic, always cheerful, a help to anyone who needed help and I know that he was a help for many years to members of this Club. I want to second most heartily Mr. Vernon's motion." Carried.

Mr. A. S. Sibbald: "Major Tweedy's services to the Club have been referred to in the vote of thanks to the retiring officers but his position is such that he cannot be included in the retiring officers. His many past services to the Club and to the Executive will make him invaluable to the incoming President. He will be a first-class right hand during the two years that are to come and I move a vote of thanks to him." Seconded by Miss H. Burns.

It was moved by Mr. R. Hind, seconded by Mr. A. S. Sibbald that the meeting adjourn. Time 9.50 p.m.

PREVIOUS CLUB CAMPS

For the information of members the list of previous camps may be of interest:

1906	Yoho.	1923	Larch valley.
1907	Paradise valley.	1924	Mt. Robson.
1908	Roger's pass.	1925	Lake O'Hara.
1909	O'Hara.	1926	Tonquin valley.
1910	Consolation valley.	1927	Little Yoho.
1911	Sherbrook lake.	1928	Lake of the Hanging Glaciers.
1912	Vermillion pass.	1929	Roger's pass.
1913	Cathedral Mt. Robson.	1930	Maligne lake.
1914	Upper Yoho.	1931	Prospectors valley.
1915	Ptarmigan lake.	1932	Glacier.
1916	Healy creek.	1933	Paradise valley.
1917	Cataract valley.	1934	Chrome lake.
1918	Paradise valley.	1935	Assiniboine.
1919	Yoho valley.	1936	Fryatt valley.
1920	Assiniboine.	1937	Upper Yoho.
1921	O'Hara meadows.	1938	Columbia icefield.
1922	Palliser pass.		

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Dr. A. Wakefield	10.00		Mrs. Tassie		5.00
Miss E. Booz	2.50		Mrs. M. V. Walcott		10.00
					\$2,414.73

It is regretted that the name of Dr. A. J. Gilmour was omitted from the New York section's first donation.

Further donations are still required and will be duly acknowledged in order that this Hut may be made available at the earliest opportunity.

Members Elected since June, 1938

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Various Notes

Members of the Club are asked to co-operate in order that the offer of the University of Alberta to make a set of lantern slides illustrating the Canadian Mountains may be accepted. The University wishes to acquire about one hundred slides of the highest quality, and has agreed to make a duplicate set and present them to the Club, in return for our services in assembling the pictures.

Pictures submitted should be in the form of glossy prints (not negatives or enlargements), and should bear a descriptive title written lightly with a soft pencil on the back. Photographs of Camp and Club activities, climbing, animals, flowers, mountain ski-ing, etc. are desired, as well as representative scenery. Emphasis is laid upon photographic excellence, but except in the case of scenery, interest rather than composition should be the criterion. Please indicate if you wish prints returned.

All pictures should be in the hands of the Hon. Photographic Secretary, Dr. H. E. Bulyea, 11125-89th Ave., Edmonton, Alberta, not later than Nov. 1, 1938.

It is intended that the Club's slides shall be hand tinted, and members of the Club who are skilled at this work are requested to volunteer their services. Three members have already done so, and if several others come forward, the task will be a light one.

Old Members will remember that many years ago the Club issued a bulletin of information for prospective Graduates, containing much valuable advice with regard to essential equipment and similar matters, including hints to ladies on how to wear breeches modestly!

The Executive has decided to issue a new and up-to-date edition of this leaflet, outlining the aims and objects of the Club, the nature of the Annual Camps, and including a typical schedule of expenses for an average Camp. It is hoped that this leaflet will facilitate the missionary work which all our Members are called upon to do, from time to time, besides helping to combat the widespread impression that mountaineering is a very exclusive and expensive hobby.

There will be some delay in the publication of this leaflet, but it is hoped to have it ready about December 1, when a supply will be sent to Secretaries of all Sections. Copies may also be obtained upon application to the Secretary-Treasurer, or will be mailed to any address upon request.

Mr. H. W. Vernon has presented an ice axe for use at the Club House, to be loaned to members.

Donald (Curly) Phillips

In 1936, Donald (Curly) Phillips turned over to Dr. Thorington thirteen trapping diaries, intermittently covering the period 1906-23. It is now proposed to publish these in a book of some 200 pages as a companion volume to Conrad Kain's "Where the Clouds Can Go." The success of the project depends upon securing 200 advance subscriptions at \$2.00 each; fifty subscriptions being now in hand. No money is desired at this time, but members wishing to subscribe should notify Dr. J. M. Thorington, 2031 Chestnut St., Philadelphia.

Library

The following have been added to the library—

“Hargreave Correspondence 1821-43.” Donated by Champlain Society.

“Everest, The Unfinished Adventure.” Hugh Ruttledge. Donated by S. H. Mitchell.

Obituary

We regret to record the death of R. S. Hull and A. M. Bartleet.

With the old Journals

Many members do not possess copies of the earlier Journals. In order to make the contents of these known, and with the hope members may wish to add these earlier numbers to their libraries, it is proposed to present the contents of various issues in the Gazette.

Volume XI—232 pages—44 plates—5 maps.

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Copies are available from the Secretary, Major W. R. Tweedy, 1641 Burnaby Street, Vancouver, B.C., at 50¢ each, post free.

EPITAPH FOR A MOUNTAINEER

Among the more popular competitions in camp this year was one which invited members to submit epitaphs suitable for mountaineers. As will be seen from the selections given below the competition was divided into two sections, grave and humorous.

Why seek to write an epitaph
Or praise the man who lies below;
Why seek of words the wine to quaff,
Himself would not have had it so.
In his esteem no other name
Engraved on stone or placed on bier;
One half so proudly would he claim
As just to call him "Mountaineer."

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Pity him not!
He lived with majesty.
Upon these circling summits
He walked free,
Drawing his spirit's sustenance from among
Star-pricking peaks, snow-crested, glacier-hung;
Finding renewal in a far-flung view,
Buying new strength at price of lung and thew.
Pity him not!
Though here his body be,
Atop those windswept heights
His soul goes free.

* * *

—D.M.F.

He sought it high, he sought it low,
But *what* he sought he did not know.
He only knew that he must seek
The highest ledge, the farthest peak,
The deep ravine, the cold crevasse.
So finally it comes to pass
(His heavy body left behind)
In astral form you now will find,
With Alpine Climbers of the Stars,
He graduates this year on Mars.

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—B.A.F.

*Sampson and Sibbald of liars the best,
Here together at last do rest.
God works wonders now and then,
May we never see their like again.

*As one of the gentlemen referred to is the composer, and the other waives all actions for libel, the Editor deems it safe to publish this effort!

EPITAPH OF AN AMATEUR GUIDE

Here lies an Alpinist. He lately expired,
From hauling up climbers who easily tired.
He's gone where the mountains no longer exist,
His ice axe and crampons will scarcely be missed.
No more need he stagger 'neath sixty-pound packs,
Nor cut endless ladders up ice with his axe.
No dudes need he haul from the yawning crevasse,
No more will he climb from the camp to the pass.
No paper bag lunches will satisfy hunger,
Nor slippery scree make him wish he were younger.
No bothersome bowlines which always get tight,
Nor sabre-toothed skeeters to worry at night.
Don't weep for him now, don't weep for him never;
He's going to climb NOTHING for EVER and EVER!

—E.R.G.

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ODE TO MOUNTAIN CLIMBERS⁽¹⁾

or

“Why climb to the top when
It is so nice at the bottom.”

When I go on my jaunts to the mountainous haunts
Of the over-affectionate grizzly;
May heaven forfend I should ever ascend
Where the mountain goats gambol so dizz'ly.
Tho I'd have you to know for the peaks in the snow
My affections are constant and tender;
I don't covet the scalp of the unconquered Alp,
Or to be its initial ascender.
I am not one who seeks unattainable peaks,
My complex is anti-excelsior;
I prefer to lie still at the foot of the hill,
I find it more pleasant and healthier.
I can't understand the ambitious band
Of climbers, all ages and sexes;
Who ruin their socks a-scrambling up rocks,
To the tops of the smallest apexes.
Me: All that I ask is serenely to bask
'Neath the pine, Nature's greatest physician;
And to scan with my eyes, the peaks in the skies,
From a semi-recumbent position.
So climb if you will to the top of the hill,
By paths that approach perpendicular;
As for me when I stir, I vastly prefer,
Locomotion that's safe and vehicular.

—C.D.B.

⁽¹⁾The author of this poem challenged the Editor to publish it. As the author was born in the heart of the English Lake district and has spent the greater part of his professional life in successfully overcoming difficulties in the more remote parts of Western Canada, we suspect that the poem was written with his tongue in his cheek.

1939 SKI CAMP

This camp will be held at the Memorial hut, commencing Good Friday (April 7) and will last ten days.

The ski grounds available from the Memorial hut are to be found in the following areas, all within easy reach of the hut, and suitable for one day excursions.

- 1 The glaciers and snowfields of the Mt. Fraser group.
- 2 The Eremite valley.
- 3 The Tonquin valley.

The first mentioned area includes a fine group of glaciers, chief of which are the Fraser, Simon and Mastodon glaciers. All of these exceed two miles in length and have splendid snow slopes with vertical extremes of 2000 to 2500 feet between the upper snowfields and the glacier tongues. The Fraser glacier, which is the nearest to the hut (about fifteen minutes run to the tongue) is extremely suitable for fast running and under good snow conditions it can be run in less than twenty minutes from the col below Mt. McDonell, which is approximately 3000 feet above the snout.

There are at least two peaks suitable for winter ascents, in close proximity to the hut; Outpost Peak (9200 ft.) and McDonell Peak (10,700 ft.). Several winter ascents of the latter have been made. A winter ascent of Simon Peak (10,899 ft.) the highest mountain in the Tonquin area, has also been made, but care has to be exercised in crossing a steep slope on the western face of McDonell.

The Eremite valley affords ski-ing of a different type. There is good running down the upper two miles of Eremite creek, above the A.C.C. campsite (1934). The glaciers descending from Angle, Alcove and Eremite peaks are small, but have steep terminal slopes affording fast runs, which are eminently safe. One attractive feature of this region is that it provides a number of cols which form ideal objectives for not too strenuous days; those between Angle and Alcove, and between Thunderbolt and the Eremite group (Eremite pass) might be mentioned especially.

The third region, the Tonquin valley, is again of a different type, consisting mainly of the southwest slopes of Mts. Clitheroe, Maccarib and Old Horn. These slopes drop about 1500 feet in an average distance of slightly under two miles. They include some timber running between tree line and the level of the flats on the eastern shores of Amethyst lakes. Magnificent views of the steep eastern escarpment of the Ramparts will be obtained from there.

The fact that the region adjacent to the Memorial hut has come to be recognized by Jasper skiers as their finest winter playground speaks for itself. The ski-ing is fast, varied and, most important of all, safe.

Rates will be \$2.00 per day with a registration fee of \$5.00. As accommodation at the Memorial hut is limited, those planning to attend the camp are asked to register with Major W. R. Tweedy, 1641 Burnaby Street, Vancouver. As soon as registration is complete those who are attending will be furnished with more detailed information regarding equipment to bring, train service, etc.
